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R/O advised informant that he was going to attend the National FBI Academy in Washington D.C. on January 5, 1979 and would take the available information with him.

In the latter part of October R/O felt it necessary to find out about Capehart and see what information the other agencies had on the assassination of Kennedy, and if Capehart could be involved.

R/O called Mrs. Brady (202-225-7853) an officer of the Assassination Committee and advised

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her of the information R/O had. R/O advised her of the alleged involvement in the CIA that Capehart talked about, and some of the boasts he was making regarding the Kennedy killing. Mrs. Brady wasn't sure of what action she could take at this time, but would return R/O call as soon as she found out.

R/O then re-contacted the informant to obtain further information involving Capehart's activities in the assassination of Kennedy. The informant stated, Capehart boasted he was in the depository with Oswald when the president was shot and Oswald wasn't the only one involved at that time. The photos of Capehart was taken during that time.

Approximately three days later R/O received a call from Mrs. Brady wanting further information. R/O then relayed the above information obtained earlier from the informant. Mrs. Brady inferred that the Committee did rule there were more people involved then had been determined before.

R/O then advised her where Capehart could be found, and also why he left the Chowchilla area.

R/O further advised Mrs. Brady that he had interviewed the informant and had a taped statement of the interview. She suggested when R/O arrived in Washington D.C. to call her and she and another committee member would meet R/O and obtain the information.

January 5, 1979, the informant contacted R/O again and gave him a list of the Codes obtained from Capehart during the past two years. The informant indicated that twenty some Codes were written down when Capehart inadvertently mentioned his past work. R/O advised the informant he would keep in touch and advise what progress developed with the information.

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January 6, 1979 @ 8:00 P.M.

On arrival at the Twin Bridges Motel, in Washington D.C., R/O contacted Mrs. Brady and Dick Billings, both on the Assassinations Committee. The information was discussed and all information was turned over to the Committee Members for study. Mrs. Brady advised R/O they would contact him at a later date once they determined what action could be taken after the information was studied. Both were advised R/O would be at the National FBI Academy in Quantico Va.

Approximately February 20, 1979, R/O contacted Mr. Dick Billings at the Committee building approximately four blocks from the Cannon Building in Washington D.C.

During the visit to the Assassination Committee building R/O had FBI Agent Dutch Schultz, assigned to the St. Louis R.A., in St. Louis Mo. Schultz was acting as a counselor for the National Academy class in Quantico, Section #2.

Once at the Committee building R/O and agent Schultz contacted Mr. Dick Billings and talked with him about the information given to him by R/O on January 6, 1979.

Mr. Billings along with his supervisor advised R/O to take the information to the FBI headquarters in Washington D.C. and have them look at it. R/O and Agent Schultz was told by Billings, that their committee was only involved in the report for the Senate and that they were busy getting it prepared before March 23, 1979, so the United States Attorney General Bell could review it.

Mr. Billings then gave most of the information back to R/O for the FBI to review, but refused to give the code list back. R/O insisted on the code sheet, but Billings after a few

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minutes stated the Codes are classified government codes and area listed as top security, he could not return them.

Officers then left enroute to the FBI building. Once at the building (Hoover Building) Agent Schultz contacted two separate agents by phone. R/O was unable to hear the conversation other than it appeared there was some type problem about who was to take the information and when.

Agent Schultz and R/O then left the Hoover building enroute to the National Academy to wait for a field agent to make contact.

April 13, 1978, R/O contacted Dick Billings by Phone and inquired if any further action had been taken regarding the information. Billings advised as far as he knew, nothing else had been decided. Billings had earlier requested some phone bills showing Capehart calls, which might give them some additional information on contacts. R/O advised Billings he had received the phone bills, and would get them to him as soon as possible. Billings further felt the case or investigation should be continued and wished to join in the investigation, but was not able to due to the congressional report due March 23, 1979.....

In the early part of March, R/O was contacted by an FBI Agent out of the Alexandra Va. Office. He identified himself and advised R/O he was to take a complete report and submit it to the FBI main office for review. A number of meetings were set, but due to R/O completion of the Academy R/O advised the agent he would give the report to the local FBI office on his return to California. A report would be sent to California by the agent in Alexandra advising the west coast offices of R/O decision.

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April 4, 1979 @ 1830 hrs, Wednesday:

Previously referred to confidential informant arrived at the Chowchilla office after being contacted for additional information. At this time Tom Walsh, former FBI agent and now a licensed private investigator, was present at the informant's request.

During this interview the informant stated that Walsh had been retained as a security consultant and advisor.

The informant during the two hour interview re-confirmed ~~that~~ the information previously furnished and recorded.

In synopsis--the informant has known Claude Barnes Capehart since 1976-77. Early in 1977 two unidentified males came to Chowchilla looking for Bob Capehart. When so informed Capehart became very upset. After some time he stated he was in trouble with them, because of a C.I.A. assignment in New York.

If was at this time Capehart displayed to informant a photo from a newspaper of the two men, as well as an assortment of firearms--hand guns, shot guns and what is described as a machine pistol. One of the guns was equipped with a silencer, which Capehart stated came from the C.I.A. The informant advised that Capehart carries a gun most of the time, either on his waist or in a shoulder holster, and always has one in his vehicle.

About June 1977 he married a girl named Barbara from Bakersfield, at Reno. All during this period, he would come and go and was often gone for days.

During 1978 he told informant that he had been to Chile during the trouble there, and had worked on the Hughes barge on the Soviet submarine recovery attempt.

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Concerning what is referred to as the C.I.A. Codes, the informant stated they were copied from a paper in Capehart's filing cabinet, without his knowledge.

After his photo came out in the Fresno Bee, Capehart moved from the Chowchilla area, he told the informant he was going to Arizona, but he didnot, instead he went to Las Vegas.

During this same period Capehart often called someone named Lee in Reno, When pressed by the informant, Capehart identified Lee as a friend named LeBaron, who had obtained a ring for him when he married Barbara. Informant stated that Capehart never would furnish any additional information about this person, and was reluctant to discuss him.

Informant recalls an article in the National Enquirer on January 23, 1979, stating that Ervil LeBaron, a fugitive was a suspect in the J.F.K. case.

In the past the informant told Capehart that a letter had been written, setting out everything, and that if any thing happened to him the letter would be sent to the authorities. Capehart has returned to Chowchilla on two occasions, once in October 1978--he assaulted

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On March 18, 1979 he was again in Chowchilla, and found the informant at a friends house--at this time he was wearing a gun--to avoid trouble there the informant agreed to meet him later, but didnot.

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investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The informant showed the photos to R/O and advised him that Capehart claimed one of the photos to be him. The photo was taken at Daily Plaza, Dallas Texas when Kennedy was shot. The informant stated that Capehart became very upset when he saw the photos, claiming no photos of him existed. Capehart then threatened the informant--only he and the informant knew about the photos and the informant had better keep her mouth shut. The informant indicated once Capehart saw the photos, that he decided he should leave town. He didn't want to be matched up with the photos in the newspaper.

The informat then advised R/O that Capehart's whereabouts was not known, and he did leave town for a long period of time. The informant then told R/O about some other activities that Capehart was involved in. First the informant indicated he was involved in the Hoffa killing and that HOffa was buried in an animal shelter located in a large junk yard in Queens New York. The informant further stated, there is a code sheet which lists many codes identifying different actions he was involved in. The informant wanted to know if Capehart was working for the Central Intelligence Agency or not.

R/O advised informant that he was going to attend the National FBI Academy in Washington D.C. on January 5, 1979 and would take the available information with him.

In the latter part of October R/O felt it necessary to find out about Capehart and see what information the other agencies had on the assassination of Kennedy, and if Capehart could be involved.

R/O called Mrs. Brady (202-225-7853) an officer of the Assassination Committee and advised

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her of the information R/O had. R/O advised her of the alleged involvement in the CIA that Capehart talked about, and some of the boasts he was making regarding the Kennedy killing. Mrs. Brady wasn't sure of what action she could take at this time, but would return R/O call as soon as she found out.

R/O then re-contacted the informant to obtain further information involving Capehart's activities in the assassination of Kennedy. The informant stated, Capehart boasted he was in the depository with Oswald when the president was shot and Oswald wasn't the only one involved at that time. The photos of Capehart was taken during that time.

Approximately three days later R/O received a call from Mrs. Brady wanting further information. R/O then relayed the above information obtained earlier from the informant. Mrs. Brady inferred that the Committee did rule there were more people involved then had been determined before.

R/O then advised her where Capehart could be found, and also why he left the Chowchilla area.

R/O further advised Mrs. Brady that he had interviewed the informant and had a taped statement of the interview. She suggested when R/O arrived in Washington D.C. to call her and she and another committee member would meet R/O and obtain the information.

January 5, 1979, the informant contacted R/O again and gave him a list of the Codes obtained from Capehart during the past two years. The informant indicated that twenty some Codes were written down when Capehart inadvertently mentioned his past work. R/O advised the informant he would keep in touch and advise what progress developed with the information.

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January 6, 1979 @ 8:00 P.M.

On arrival at the Twin Bridges Motel, in Washington D.C., R/O contacted Mrs. Brady and Dick Billings, both on the Assassinations Committee. The information was discussed and all information was turned over to the Committee Members for study. Mrs. Brady advised R/O they would contact him at a later date once they determined what action could be taken after the information was studied. Both were advised R/O would be at the National FBI Academy in Quantico Va.

Approximately February 20, 1979, R/O contacted Mr. Dick Billings at the Committee building approximately four blocks from the Cannon Building in Washington D.C.

During the visit to the Assassination Committee building R/O had FBI Agent Dutch Schultz, assigned to the St. Louis R.A., in St. Louis Mo. Schultz was acting as a counselor for the National Academy class in Quantico, Section #2.

Once at the Committee building R/O and agent Schultz contacted Mr. Dick Billings and talked with him about the information given to him by R/O on January 6, 1979.

Mr. Billings along with his supervisor advised R/O to take the information to the FBI headquarters in Washington D.C. and have them look at it. R/O and Agent Schultz was told by B Billings, that their committee was only involved in the report for the Senate and that they were busy getting it prepared before March 23, 1979, so the United States Attorney General Bell could review it.

Mr. Billings then gave most of the information back to R/O for the FBI to review, but refused to give the code list back. R/O insisted on the code sheet, but Billings after a few

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minutes stated the Codes are classified government codes and area listed as top security, he could not return them.

Officers then left enroute to the FBI building. Once at the building (Hoover Building) Agent Schultz contacted two separate agents by phone. R/O was unable to hear the conversation other than it appeared there was some type problem about who was to take the information and when.

Agent Schultz and R/O then left the Hoover building enroute to the National Academy to wait for a field agent to make contact.

April 13, 1978, R/O contacted Dick Billings by Phone and inquired if any further action had been taken regarding the information. Billings advised as far as he knew, nothing else had been decided. Billings had earlier requested some phone bills showing Capehart calls, which might give them some additional information on contacts. R/O advised Billings he had received the phone bills, and would get them to him as soon as possible. Billings further felt the case or investigation should be continued and wished to join in the investigation, but was not able to due to the congressional report due March 23, 1979.....

In the early part of March, R/O was contacted by an FBI Agent out of the Alexandra Va. Office. He identified himself and advised R/O he was to take a complete report and submit it to the FBI main office for review. A number of meetings were set, but due to R/O completion of the Academy R/O advised the agent he would give the report to the local FBI office on his return to California. A report would be sent to California by the agent in Alexandra advising the west coast offices of R/O decision.

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April 4, 1979 @ 1830 hrs, Wednesday:

Previously referred to confidential informant arrived at the Chowchilla office after being contacted for additional information. At this time Tom Walsh, former FBI agent and now a licensed private investigator, was present at the informant's request.

During this interview the informant stated that Walsh had been retained as a security consultant and advisor.

The informant during the two hour interview re-confirmed ~~that~~ the information previously furnished and recorded.

In synopsis--the informant has known Claude Barnes Capehart since 1976-77. Early in 1977 two unidentified males came to Chowchilla looking for Bob Capehart. When so informed Capehart became very upset. After some time he stated he was in trouble with them, because of a C.I.A. assignment in New York.

If was at this time Capehart displayed to informant a photo from a newspaper of the two men, as well as an assortment of firearms--hand guns, shot guns and what is described as a machine pistol. One of the guns was equipped with a silencer, which Capehart stated came from the C.I.A. The informant advised that Capehart carries a gun most of the time, either on his waist or in a shoulder holster, and always has one in his vehicle.

About June 1977 he married a girl named Barbara from Bakersfield, at Reno. All during this period, he would come and go and was often gone for days.

During 1978 he told informant that he had been to Chile during the trouble there, and had worked on the Hughes barge on the Soviet submarine recovery attempt.

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On July 31, 1978, a photograph was published in the Fresno Bee with a request from the Senate Assassination Committee, for assistance in identifying the people in the photograph. One of the photos was of Capehart, this disturbed the informant. Later when Capehart was confronted, he at first denied but later admitted that it was a picture of him. He made a statement to the effect that Oswald was not the one that shot J.F.K., that there were two other people in the building with him. Capehart stated that he was there but never would tell the informant just why. He stated you and I know I was there, but every one else believes I was in Corpus Christy, Texas.

Concerning what is referred to as the C.I.A. Codes, the informant stated they were copied from a paper in Capehart's filing cabinet, without his knowledge.

After his photo came out in the Fresno Bee, Capehart moved from the Chowchilla area, he told the informant he was going to Arizona, but he didnot, instead he went to Las Vegas.

During this same period Capehart often called someone named Lee in Reno, When pressed by the informant, Capehart identified Lee as a friend named LeBaron, who had obtained a ring for him when he married Barbara. Informant stated that Capehart never would furnish any additional information about this person, and was reluctant to discuss him.

Informant recalls an article in the National Enquirer on January 23, 1979, stating that Ervil LeBaron, a fugitive was a suspect in the J.F.K. case.

In the past the informant told Capehart that a letter had been written, setting out everything, and that if any thing happened to him the letter would be sent to the authorities. Capehart has returned to Chowchilla on two occasions, once in October 1978--he assaulted

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the informant, and entered the informants residence and searched it, apparently for the letter.

In February 1979, he flew to Fresno, rented a Hertz car and came to Chowchilla, but informant avoided him.

On March 18, 1979 he was again in Chowchilla, and found the informant at a friends house--at this time he was wearing a gun--to avoid trouble there the informant agreed to meet him later, but didnot.

Since that time informant has not seen or heard from Capehart, but fears him, and believes he would harm him if he knew he has spoken to the law.

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